## The Shoe-Factory Again.

Last week the SPECTATOR announced the arrival in this city of Mr. T. H. Sickles, of Philadelphia, a practical manufacturer of shoes, and that his visit was for the purpose of responding to the general invitation we have in force for the examination of the opportunities we possess for general manufacturing purposes.

The Staunton Improvement Company, of which Mr. W. A. Burke is president, have had interviews with Mr. Sickles, and are pleased with the design he suggests. They have considered the matter carefully and believe the project of a shoe manufactory a good one, and of that class of industries easily within our ability to establish, and that will prove profitable to the community in every respect.

We have the pleasure of conveying the above information in a very substantial manner. The consideration of the scheme has not as yet, been generally entered into by the many who can aid it, but by way of commencement, the following named gentlemen will subscribe to the amount of five hundred dollars each to the capital stock of the company to be organized for the purpose of establishing a manufactory of shoes, to wit: G G Child, Isaac Witz P H Trout, G G Gooch, M N Bradley, R W Burke, and C L Weller, which makes $3 500 Mr Sickles subscribes two thousand dollars; which makes on the part of only eight persons $5,500.

It is proposed that the shares be fixed at $25, each, thus placing it within the ability of almost every business man to come forward and aid in this excellent enterprise. It is further proposed that the subscriptions can be paid in small installments at reasonable intervals.

We are authorized to say that this scheme receives the cordial endorsement of the Staunton Improvement Company whose members are cordially co-operating by their individual means and efforts with the organization in making it successful.

The list of subscribers is at the office of Mr. William A Burke, where all disposed to aid the movement are invited to call and examine its merits.

Since the foregoing was in type, we learn that other subscriptions have been made among them Mr. M Erskine Miller for $500.

The more it is talked of, the more this enterprise is commended. Among other advantages, it will secure remunerative employment to many persons of our own population who will be anxious to obtain it.

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